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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Nazarenko *et al.*
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Art Unit: 1655

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449, 1 page, listing 1 document;
3. One copy of the 1 cited document on Form PTO-1449; and
4. Return postcard.

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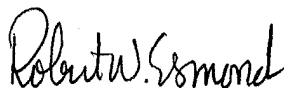
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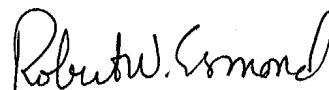
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